

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Kaoru Nomichi et al.

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For: Gas Seal Structure

Examiner: G. Y. Lee

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2011, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4.